

Toongabbie Public School

Principal's Report - Craig Brown

Friday 23rd August, 2019
Volume 14



Dates to Remember:

26th—28th August—Y4 Camp
28th August—Father's Day Stall
30th August—Father's Day
Breakfast

5th Sept—Zone Athletics
6th Sept—Disco
13th Sept—Colour Explosion
13th Sept—BUZZ Assembly
18th—20th Sept—Year 6 Camp
25th Sept—K-2 Athletics
Carnival
25th Sept—2020 Kindergarten
Information Night

NOTES

* Parent Survey

PBL Focus Being Safe

*What Can You do if You are
Being Bullied?*

K-2 Dobbing is trying to get someone in trouble. Telling a teacher about a bullying problem is not dobbing- it is asking for help to get yourself or someone out of trouble. You have to be brave to do this for yourself or someone else, who is being bullied. But it is the right thing to do to make our school safe.

3-6 If someone tries to hurt you, firmly tell them to stop. If they keep doing it, then it becomes bullying. Ask a teacher to help you solve the problem.

Teachers care about the well-being of students and want to know when bullying is happening. Then they can stop it and support the students involved.

Tom is Retiring

After 12 years of wonderful service to our community, Tom, our favourite crossing supervisor is hanging up the 'lollipop'.

Tom will finish up at the end of the term. The school will definitely be putting something in place to say thank you for all his work, Please keep an eye out for more information. In the meantime- listen to Tom, and remember to say thank you!

Binalong Road Carpark

I met with the manager of our Before and After School Centre this week to discuss safety issues around our carpark. A decision was made to change the hours in which parents can access this carpark. The afternoon will remain from 4pm. The morning will change from before 8am to before 7.30am. Signs will be changed shortly. Changes in hours will start from term 4.

Synthetic Field

Our field looks very sad at the moment. It is very dusty and there is little grass. The school is covering this area in synthetic grass. This will provide a nice safe environment for the students to play on. Work is expected to start in week 9 of this term and be ready for term 4 weather permitting.

Colour Explosion Fundraiser

The P&C are holding a fundraiser on Friday September 13th. Sponsor forms and information are going home on Monday. The funds raised from that are going towards enhancing the Ausplay Equipment located near the canteen. We hope to complete this project in term 4. All the students love this equipment and it will be great to see it with a wonderful new softfall underneath.

Gates

The gates are locked from 9.30am until 2.30pm for the safety of our students. Sometimes the gates may remained locked due to unforeseen circumstances. Please remember that the gate closest to the office is always open unless we have an emergency. Please be respectful to staff and students and see me if you have concerns.

Year 5 Camp

Congratulations to the boys and girls who went to camp this week. This is our eighth year at the Great Aussie Bush Camp and what amazing weather they have had. Cold mornings and nights with lots of blue sky. Mrs Bazouni and Mrs Bownds spent time at the camp with our group this year and reported the behaviour and attitude of our students was very pleasing. Camp is an important part of our students' education and provides them with opportunities we cannot provide back at school. I am confident that new skills have been learnt and great memories have been made. Thank you to all our parents for putting your trust in us to care and guide your children. I would also like to thank Mr Howe, Miss McGoogan, Miss Costello, Mrs Walters and Mr Carruthers who gave up their family time to be there for our students. Great job everyone. If you have not had a chance, please take the time to see some amazing photos and videos of their experiences this week on Facebook. The drone photography is wonderful.

Year 4 Camp

The school will continue to be a bit quieter next week. Our Year 4 will attend camp at Stanwell Tops from Monday – Wednesday. Please keep an eye on Facebook to stay in touch with all the exciting learning experiences taking place. Parents who are dropping off students and picking up students are asked to be mindful of parking and allow the staff to get the students organised and on the buses. We appreciate your support but in can get quite congested with both students and parents in the small space we have available.

Hills Performing Arts Festival

Our band, choir and dance groups will be performing on Tuesday September 3rd at Panthers Leagues Club. The show was sold out in the first week. If you have not purchased your tickets please make sure you have arrangements in place to get your child to and from the event. If this is a problem, please contact the school and we will endeavour to assist you.

Relieving Deputy Principal's Report - Sue Bownds

We are now half way through our busy term 3. This is an especially busy time at school as we have Years 4, 5 and 6 camps. This week the Year 5 teachers, together with Mr Carruthers, Mrs Bazouni, Miss Jo and I attended camp with our Year 5 students. What an amazing time they had. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr Howe for his excellent organisation of the Great Aussie Bush camp, which is always a great time for everyone. Activities included tree climbing, boating, building rafts, archery, rock climbing and giant swings. More information and photos will be later in the newsletter in the Stage 3 section.

Next week is Year 4's turn to go to camp and they will be going to Stanwell Tops. It is particularly cold there so make sure you pack plenty of warm clothes and bedding. A warm jacket is a must in the cold conditions. They will also do lots of sports on their three day camp. I look forward to hearing the stories when they return. The Year 4 teachers and Mrs Burnett will be attending this camp.

Kindergarten Orientation

Our enrolments are steadily coming in. If you have any friends or family, that need to enrol for 2020, please send them to the office for an enrolment form. Our first parent session will be held on Wednesday 25th September from 5.30-7pm in the school library. This is for parents only. Tea and coffee will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there.

Book Week

This week was Book Week. Many schools dress up during this week but our dress up day and Book Fair are held in Term 4. Please start to plan your costumes. Mrs Redman organised a very successful author visit yesterday with Mark Greenwood. This was for Years 3, 4 and 6. Our K-4 students had an incursion in the hall from Perform Australia who presented a very interesting musical about the short-listed books for this year. Thank you to Mrs Redman for her organisation. We look forward to the Book Character parade next term.

Father's Day Breakfast

Our annual Fathers' Day Breakfast is on next Friday 30th August. We look forward to seeing our families from 7.30am until 9am. There are no sessions this year so please come during these times. Please note the cost is \$5 per family and the note and money need to be returned to the office by Monday afternoon at the latest. Menu is sausage sandwiches with bacon and onion, muffins, cereal, fruit, juice and tea and coffee. Please wear something blue to celebrate the occasion.

P&C and Parent Auxiliary

Our last P&C General Meeting was held on Monday 12th August and was a positive and productive meeting with several different topics on the agenda for discussion.

Over the past month the P&C have received some great feedback & suggestions from the community for consideration and discussion at our meetings. We are already looking at forward planning with some great community events on the cards for 2020.

All members of the TPS community are welcome to email any feedback or suggestions to the P&C to be tabled at P&C meetings if you are not able to attend in person. Please send all feedback & suggestions to toongabbiepublicschool-pandc@gmail.com

Then next P&C General Meeting will be held on Monday 9th September at 7pm in the staff room.

Father's Day Stall

The 2019 Father's Day Stall will be held on Wednesday 28th August for all grades except Year 4 who will be on camp and have their turn on Thursday morning.

Classes attend the Father's Day stall with their class group at an allocated time throughout the school day and can purchase gifts for Fathers, Grandfathers and any other significant male figure in their life.

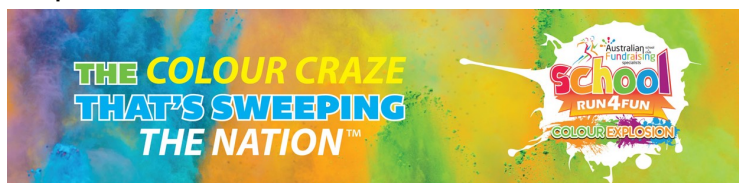
Our gifts range in price between \$1 - \$7. Students will be shown a presentation of what is available before they attend the stall and be given the opportunity to write a wish list of what they want to purchase.

If your child is wishing to purchase a gift from the stall, please send them with small notes or coins on the day and a shopping bag to carry their purchases home with them.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale for 50c each with this being drawn on Friday at the school assembly.

If any TPS Families have a local business that would like to donate a prize for the Father's Day raffle, please contact Brooke Arslan via 0405 356 210 or via email Toongabbiepublicschoolpandc@gmail.com

2019 Run4Fun Colour Explosion– 3 WEEKS TO GO



After the success of our 2018 Colour Run event, the P&C will be hosting this event again in 2019 but are planning something bigger and better for 2019!!

This year it will be a **Run4Fun COLOUR EXPLOSION** held on Friday 13th September.

As the major annual fundraiser for the P&C, the more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, in 2019 our fundraising will be used to update the Ausplay area in the playground.

The day's focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school.

Notes with information and a sponsorship booklet are on their way to you today so that you are able to start gathering support from family and friends. The incentive prizes for fundraising are back again this year although only students registered online will be eligible for these gifts.

We will also be asking for 2 parent volunteers from each class to assist with the event and activities. Please look out for the note to find out more about how you might be able to get involved.

The P&C are looking forward to another successful TPS Community event!

Term 3 Disco—Friday 6th September

Our Term 3 Disco is earlier in the term this time due to camps and other activities. Tickets now on sale in Flexischools or via order form returned to canteen.

OPTIONAL THEME chosen by our SRC representatives : DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK, TV or MOVIE CHARACTER.

Please note. Dinner at the Disco MUST be pre-ordered.

PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group will meet week 7, Friday 6th September 9am to 9.30am in the before and after school care room located at the end of the Kindergarten rooms.

All welcome to come and join in, even if just to listen.

Library News—Renata Redman TL

Children's Book Week

Happy Book Week! This week we celebrated by perusing the Short-listed and winning books, enjoying our Book Week performances, completing class activities and a colouring competition. Mark Greenwood, our visiting author, presented an entertaining, inspiring and informative session to students in Years 3, 4 and 6. We were extremely fortunate to have Mark visit us, from his home in Western Australia, as his book, 'The Happiness Box' received an Honour Award in this year's CBCA awards – congratulations, Mark!!!

MS Read-a-thon

It's that time of year, when the MS Read-a-thon takes place. Students read for a month, gaining sponsors for their reading, and raising money for Multiple Sclerosis sufferers and research. TPS has supported this worthy cause for a number of years. If your child would like to participate, please visit: <https://www.msreadathon.org.au> for further information and to register.

remier's Reading Challenge

This year's PRC concludes on **Friday 30th August** and students must have their reading records logged by this date. K-2 students complete the Challenge with their class teacher. The Challenge is optional for students in Years 3 to 6. Congratulations and well done to our recent 'finishers', Samar and Savar Singh Sharma, Ebony Tai and Lucy Savage. For further information and to log reading records, please visit:

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Stage 3 Shopping Trip

Sunday 20th October— Keep this date free for the Stage 3 Shopping Trip.

Invite your family and friends for a fun day out shopping while helping the Stage 3 students raise money for the school.

Tickets are \$60 each and include lunch and desert at Taren Point Hotel.

There are only a set amount of seats available so please see the office for your ticket.

P&C Canteen — Rhonda Fogg, Canteen Manager

Managers Special – Week 6

Both specials available until Friday 30/8

Chicken Schnitzel with Mash & Gravy	\$5.00
Curried Sausages with Mash Potato	\$5.00

Menu Changes

Please be aware that an update Canteen menu will accompany this Newsletter.

There are several changes to this menu, and these will take effect on 1st September. Our aim with the TPS Canteen is to provide healthy and affordable food options for all students at TPS. We try to keep the prices on our menu as low as possible but unfortunately due to increases from our suppliers, we have had to amend the pricing on some items. We would like to thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Breakfast

We now be a range of breakfast items available of a morning ranging from 50c - \$2 Some of these items will able be able to be ordered before 8am for service at 8:30.

Breakfast Items include: Cheese Toasty, Ham Toasty, English Muffins with Vegemite or Cheese, Small Yogurt Cups, or Yogurt Cup with Fruit with more items being added soon..

Late Orders on Flexischools

Did you just miss the 9am Online cutoff?? You are now able to order from a reduced menu until 10:30am.

While we do suggest you aim to order before 9am, we understand that sometimes morning are a bit crazy, so if you miss the 9am deadline, you are able to still make sure your child gets their lunch order!

Fresh For Kids Promotion

The Sydney Markets Eat Fresh and WIN Promotion is now underway, and the kids are really enjoying the opportunity to get the prizes! Each time your child orders a meal from the canteen that contains FRESH PRODUCE, they will receive a sticker. For every TWO stickers that are collected and returned on an entry form (available from the canteen) they will receive a Stamper Pen. There are 6 different colors to collect.

The entry form will then be sent off to Sydney markets at the end of the campaign where your child will enter the draw for some fantastic prizes.

There is also a prize for the school with the most entries, so let's get Toongabbie kids eating healthy foods from our canteen!



Healthy Kids Canteen Expo

On Wednesday our Canteen Manager, Rhonda Fogg attended the Healthy Kids Canteen Expo which was a fantastic event aimed at showcasing healthy food options available to school canteens for kids.

The expo provided opportunities to talk with suppliers and see what new products we might be able to offer at TPS and share tips and recipes with other canteen managers from across NSW. There were also cooking demonstrations and the opportunity to meet and chat with MasterChef 2019 contestant Tim Bone.

Keep an eye out at the canteen for the introduction of some new healthy and tasty options available at TPS that we discovered at the expo.



Other Canteen Reminders

- **DON'T FORGET TO ADD THE PSSA ALERT FOR FRIDAY LUNCH ORDERS!**
- **Our Canteen does not hold large amounts of cash and is therefore not always able to change large bills of a morning when taking lunch orders. Where possible please send small notes/coins**
- **When you give your child some money to spend at recess or lunch at the canteen, always try to give them just enough to buy something for themselves. Please remind your children that they are not able to purchase items for their friends at school.**
- **SIGN UP to Volunteer at the school canteen. Even one hour a month makes a difference!**

What's Happening at TPS

Support Classes

What a busy fortnight it has been in the Support Unit!

Check out what we have been up to – Miss Jo and Matthew at The Great Aussie Bush Camp with Year 5, celebrating the achievements of our Buzz Award recipients, making rain fall from our very own clouds, and Environmental Warriors hard at work in the garden.

We even spotted some little green aliens and a crashed UFO near Mr Brown's office!

Don't forget we have the Northcott Interschool Athletics Carnival coming up on Wednesday 4th September. Please return permission notes and payment as soon as possible. It will be a great opportunity for students from support classes to come together for a fun and active day out. The big day is nearly hereMiss McLennan is getting married next week and we wish her all the best for a beautiful wedding day and a lifetime of happiness with Mr Negus.



Early Stage One

Kindergarten did some writing that was truly out of this world after visiting Toongabbie's very own Area 51 as a special writing prompt experience. We got to see all the extra terrestrial activity, including meeting some little green men and special agent H, one of the men in black, who lead us through the crash sight of an alien space ship and NASA shuttle. Safe to say it sparked some other worldly writing.

Here is some examples of the awesome creative writing our students did:

My name is slime the alien. I crashed my UFO because I pressed the wrong button and I crashed at Toongabbie Public School. - Lucas.

I am Agent 200. Miss Cox was horrified. "Don't worry, I will keep you safe" said Kai. I saved Miss Cox from the aliens. - Kai.

My name is Annice the alien. I crashed at Toongabbie Public School and it was weird. The kids were weird too. My UFO was gone and I got to meet Agent H. It was fun. - Annice

Stage One

Can you believe we are now half way through Term 3 already?

K-2 were lucky to enjoy a 'Big Dreams' book week in schools 2019 incursion in the hall this week. Students watched William and Heather perform skits from a number of books: Girl on Wire, Tricky's Bad Day, and The All New Must Have Orange.

Key messages during the performance included how to stay positive, being brave and think strong, overcoming challenges, having a go, supporting others, being a good friend and encourage others to achieve dreams and not being a 'dream snatcher'. Students actively joined in actions, songs and some lucky students were even selected to participate in the performance itself! Maybe we have some budding future performers??

We have these great books in our library. You might like to borrow them next time you are in the library.

What's Happening at TPS

Stage Two

Today stage two students attended a book week performance called "Big Dreams"



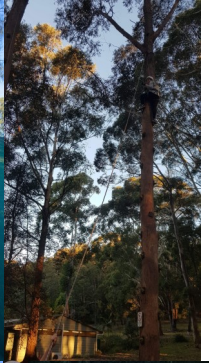
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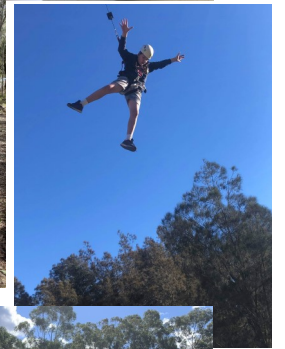
This week Year 5, Mr Howe, Miss McGoogan, Miss Costello, Mr Carruthers and Miss Jo headed off to The Great Aussie Bush Camp for a big adventure! Students spent time swinging through trees on the high ropes course, facing their fears on the power fan and giant swing and building their teamwork skills at Lost Island. At night they enjoyed a range of activities run by our instructors including a disco, movie night and running their own stalls at the County Fair. All the students and teachers had a fantastic time and can't wait to come back and share all our amazing stories with you all. Thank you also to Mrs Bazouni, Mrs Bownds and special guest Mr Tucker for coming to visit and spend time with us this week.

Please check out the photo gallery to year what Year 5 have been up to. Lots more photos are on the TPS facebook page as well.



Year 5 Camp Photos





Are You A Parent of a Child Aged 2 to 12?

The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is conducting research into parents' opinions about parenting and programs available for parents. If you have a child between 2 and 12 years, we would love to hear your views on parenting and the services that are available to you as a parent. You will need to complete a short survey, which will remain open until the 31st of August 2019. To find out more or to participate please visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parenting>

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How Is Parenting For You?

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To find out more, visit our website:

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parenting>



**Survey closes on the
31st August 2019**



Mrs Miles has been busy sewing on her brand new sewing machine (gifted to her on her retirement from staff) and has finished this beautiful quilt. The unsewn quilt was a gift to Mrs Miles from the students of TPS. They bought the materials and cottons and provided the personal drawings related to their memories of Mrs Miles at Toongabbie Public School. It is a lovely memento for Mrs Miles, which also gave her the momentous to get to know her new machine. It's a win win!



2-DAY MEGA CAMP

OCTOBER 2019

BOOK YOUR CHILD IN NOW TO GET MEGA MOTIVATED
DURING OUR 2 DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

KINDY - YEAR 6

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